

CH-802

Mid 19th; c. 1900

Hazzard's Addition

Bryantown vic.

Private

Hazzard's Addition is one of a handful of 19th century farmsteads in the Bryantown neighborhood, specifically clustered along Edelen Road. Together these farms represent one of Charles County's most well-preserved agricultural communities. The two-story 19th century dwelling stands on a 229 acre farm in the Bryantown community and is surrounded by typical outbuildings. Likely reflecting two building periods, the dwelling is an asymmetrical side-gable farmhouse with a decorative center gable and a full-width, one-story hipped-roof front porch. Associated properties in the vicinity include Brinkwood (CH-213), Sunnyside (CH-214), Ernest M. Jameson House (CH-632), Phoenix Hall (CH-216) and Bowling Green (CH-215).

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hazzard's Addition

other

2. Location

street and number 13330 Edelen Road not for publication

city, town Bryantown, MD X vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert and Patricia Langley, trustees et al

street and number PO Box 11 telephone 301-932-1929

city, town Bryantown state MD zip code 20617-0011

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles tax map and parcel: 35 p. 96

city, town liber 3806 folio 49

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Hazzard's Addition is a two-story 19th century dwelling standing on a 229 acre farm in the Bryantown community. The property includes a variety of agricultural buildings and is one of several large and relatively well-preserved farms associated with Edelen Road. Likely reflecting two building periods, the dwelling is an asymmetrical side- gable farmhouse with a decorative center gable and a full-width, one-story hipped-roof front porch. The farm stands on the north side of Edelen Road at the intersection with Burnt Store Road. The site is relatively level and consists of flat cultivated fields. The farm is currently protected as a agricultural conservation district through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. The site requires further study. Access was not granted to survey the property, therefore photographs were taken from the public right of way. The Langley family believe the dwelling was constructed in 1823.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	19th- ea20th c.	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	19th- ea20th c.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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During the short period of stability that followed the Revolutionary War, Charles County was integrated into the state and national government. In 1799, the county was divided into four election districts. In 1807, a geographical text authored by Joseph Scott included a description of Charles County. Included among the list of towns were Port Tobacco, Allenfresh, Nanjemoy, Hilltop, Bennedict [sic], and Newport. Port Tobacco seems to have been by far the largest of these towns with fifty houses, an Episcopal Church, a tobacco warehouse, a courthouse and a jail.

Following the War of 1812, Charles County experienced a period of economic stability. Although competition from other tobacco-growing regions intensified during the first half of the nineteenth century, the large-scale planters seem to have maintained their economic stability. By 1820, most of the out migration caused by the depredations of war and the inability of small tenant farmers to prosper had ceased. Tobacco prices became unstable, and remained so throughout the early nineteenth century. However, the wealthiest of the landowners in the county remained prosperous. Many diversified their interests, investing in corn or wheat cultivation or in commercial industries, such as milling, fishing, and commerce.

Through the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s, Charles County continued to thrive on its agricultural and growing commercial trade. Although census records reveal no significant population growth during these years, there are no indications of economic depression. However, the relative calm of county life was disrupted by the initial rumblings of dispute that would lead to the Civil War. Charles County was sensitively located between the northern or Unionist states and the southern, secessionist states. As a tobacco-dependant county, most landholders resented the pressure brought by abolitionists to free the slave population. During the entire armed conflict that followed the secession of the southern states, Charles County was occupied by Union soldiers. Because of its southern sympathies, the county was treated like occupied territory.

Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. Land ceased to be cultivated, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. In addition, Federal taxes levied by the "carpet-bag" government threatened landowners with the loss of their land. The turmoil of the Reconstruction era continued in Charles County well into the twentieth century. Despite the collapse of the slave-based tobacco economy following the Civil War, Charles County and most of the surrounding counties retained their dependence on tobacco cultivation. While some

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diversification did occur, the reliance on agriculture, mainly tobacco, remained throughout the nineteenth century.

Share-cropping or tenancy replaced the slave-labor system following the war. This system fostered the growth in the numbers of small planters, and generally precluded agricultural diversity. The lack of capital made it difficult for farmers to branch out into other agricultural and commercial pursuits. Adding to the economic stagnation following the war, was the unpredictability of tobacco prices. Through the latter part of the nineteenth century, tobacco values remained depressed, insuring that the small tenant farmers and share-croppers struggled. Tobacco production fell precipitously following the Civil War. In 1870, Charles County's crop fell in volume to less than half of what it was ten years earlier. However, production rebounded by 1880. Still, on average, prices remained low, and farmers struggled to maintain their farms. Because of these economic difficulties, population growth in the county stagnated between 1860 and 1920.

The general economic decline, and later, stagnation that followed the Civil War is evident in the census figures between 1860 and 1890. During this period the population of Charles County remained nearly stagnant. By 1890, the number of county residents was nearly 1,400 less than in 1860. There was little industry or profitable agriculture drawing new residents to the county during the post-Civil War era. In addition, many young Charles County residents moved away as they reached maturity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 229

Acreage of historical setting 229+

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County property tax maps 35, parcel 96.

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

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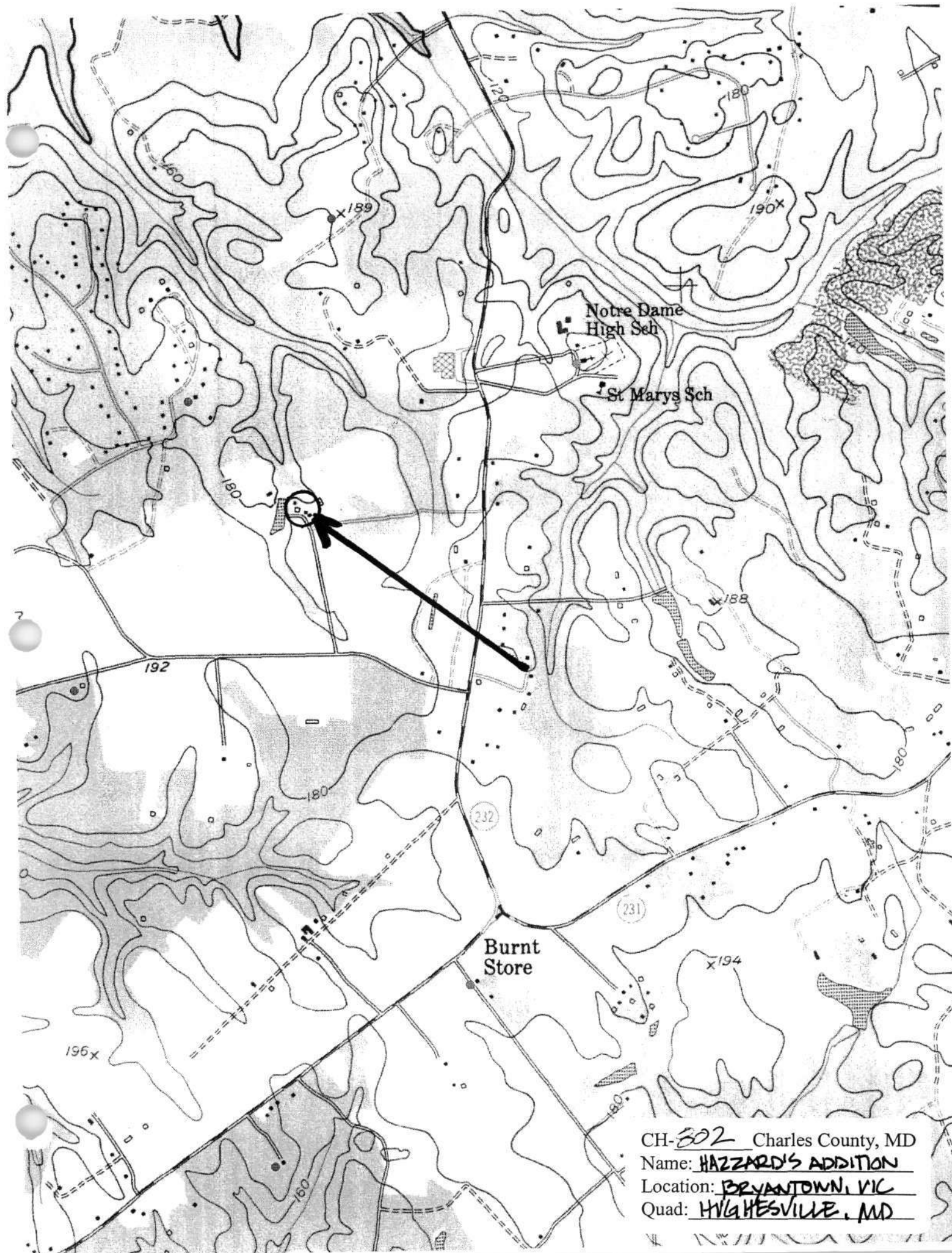
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CH-302 Charles County, MD
Name: HAZZARD'S ADDITION
Location: BRYANTOWN, VIC
Quad: HV4 HESVILLE, MD